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CONVERGE ON KUWAIT TO OFFER CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF THE AMIR

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[11.](#) On the last official day for condolences, foreign dignitaries continued to arrive in Kuwait to pay their respects to the family of the late Amir Shaykh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Heads of state and government waited patiently with thousands of Kuwaitis for an opportunity to express their regrets to members of the ruling family. At both the men's and women's condolences sites, parking lots were full and lines snaked outside the buildings. Inside, both young and old members of the Al-Sabah family, obviously fatigued from the thousands of mourners, expressed gratitude to those who offered their sympathies. EmbOffs attended the men's and women's condolence calls and were repeatedly thanked for their presence and for the long history of U.S. support for Kuwait. Kuwaiti TV continues to air live coverage of the condolence calls and daily newspapers issued January 17 special editions filled with tributes to and remembrances of the late Amir (ref A).

[12.](#) Among the world leaders and notables who arrived in Kuwait January 16 and 17 are:

- Afghan Foreign Minister, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah
- Algerian Special Envoy of the President and Speaker of the National Assembly Abdulqader Ben Saleh
- Belgian Crown Prince Philippe
- Bosnian Prime Minister Adnan Terzic
- Bulgarian Deputy Foreign Minister Feim Chaushev
- Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Zhaozong Li
- Djiboutian President Ismail Omar Guelleh
- Ethiopian Minister of Culture and Tourism, Mahmoud Dirir
- Gambian President Yahya Jammeh
- Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla
- Iranian First Vice President and Assistant to the President Pervez Dawoudi
- Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso
- Jordanian Queen Rania Al-Abdullah
- Malaysian King Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamaluddin

-- Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom
-- Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas (Note:
This is only the second visit of a Palestian figure since the
Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Abbas visited Kuwait in December
2004 after the death of Chairman Arafat. End note.)
-- Russian Minister of Energy Viktor Khristenko
-- Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of
Defense and Aviation, and Inspector General Sultan bin Abdul
Aziz
-- Princess Johara Bint Al-Ibrahim, wife of Saudi King
Abdullah
-- Somali President Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed
-- Spanish Crown Prince Felipe
-- Turkish State Minister Mehmet Aydin
-- Shaykha Fatima bint Mubarak, wife of late UAE president
Shaykh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nuhayyan

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